

REMARKS

The applicants thank the examiner for acknowledging applicants' claim for foreign priority and reception of the certified copy of the foreign priority document that was submitted on 24 February 2004. The applicants also thank the examiner for having returned initialed copies of the PTO 1449s that were submitted on 24 February 2004 and on 27 January 2006.

Claims 3, 5 - 13 and 16 - 23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Particularly, the examiner has asserted that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "wherein after the microcomputer is reset and restarted." The applicants have accordingly amended claims 13 and 23 to depend from claims 11 and 22, as suggested by the examiner. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 13 and 23 should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5 - 12, 16 and 17 - 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicants have accordingly amended claims 3, 5, 11, 16, 17 and 22 to be in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. Claims 6 - 10, 12 and 18 - 21 depend from claims 5, 11 and 17 respectively. Therefore, claims 3, 5 - 12, 16 and 17 - 22 should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kerry S. Culpepper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Kerry" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "S." and then "Culpepper". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

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